



# 2016-2017 Verification Worksheet

# Independent Student (F17IV6)

Your 2016–2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for review in a process called verification. The law says that before awarding Federal Student Aid, we may ask you to confirm the information you reported on your FAFSA. To verify that you provided correct information the financial aid administrator at your school will compare your FAFSA with the information on this worksheet and with any other required documents. If there are differences, your FAFSA information may need to be corrected.

You must complete and sign this worksheet, attach any required documents, and submit the form and other required documents to the financial aid administrator at your school. Your school may ask for additional information. If you have questions about verification, contact your financial aid administrator as soon as possible so that your financial aid will not be delayed.

## A. Independent Student’s Information

Student’s Last Name	Student’s First Name	Student’s M.I.	Student’s MiraCosta ID Number
Student’s Street Address (include apt. no.)			Student’s Date of Birth
City	State	Zip Code	Student’s Email Address
Student’s Phone Number (include area code)			Student’s Alternate or Cell Phone Number

## B. Independent Student’s Family Information

Clarification is needed for the total number of people reported in your household for the 2016-17 aid year.

List all people in your household. Include:

- Yourself (and your spouse),
- Your children, if you will provide more than half of their support and you will continue to provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017.
- Other people, if they now live with you and you provide more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2017.

**\*Shared living arrangement (i.e. roommate) is not the same as “support.” Support means: currently providing more than half of all living expenses for that person because that person listed has no means of self-support, or no one else is providing at least half of their support.**

Also, include the name of the college for any household member who will be enrolled at least half time in a degree, diploma, or certificate program at a postsecondary educational institution any time between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017.

Full Name	Age	Relationship	College	Will be Enrolled at Least Half Time
Marty Jones(example)	28	Wife	Central University	Yes
		Self		

If more space is needed, attach a separate page with the student’s name and student’s MiraCosta ID Number at the top.



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*The best way to verify income is by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool that is part of FAFSA on the Web. If you have not already used the tool, go to [FAFSA.gov](http://FAFSA.gov), log in to your FAFSA record, select “Make FAFSA Corrections,” and navigate to the Financial Information section of the form. From there, follow the instructions to determine if you are eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer 2015 IRS income tax information into your FAFSA. It takes up to two weeks for IRS income information to be available for the IRS Data Retrieval Tool for electronic IRS tax return filers, and up to eight weeks for paper IRS tax return filers. If you need more information about when, or how to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool see your financial aid administrator.*

**C. Independent Student’s Income Information to Be Verified**

**Attach ALL 2015 W-2s or 2015 Wage & Income Transcript from the IRS website.\***

**1. Check the box that applies:**

- I have filed/will file my 2015 Federal Tax Return and I have/will utilize the IRS Data Retrieval Process when completing or correcting my FAFSA and did not/will not make any changes to that data.
- I have filed my 2015 Federal Tax Return but I did not/will not use the IRS Data Retrieval Process or I changed the information that was transferred, therefore I am attaching a copy of my 2015 Tax Return Transcript.\*
- I worked, but I did not file a 2015 Federal Tax Return, and am not required to file a 2015 Federal Tax Return. I have attached W-2 forms or other earnings statements from each employer.\*
- I did not file, and am not required to file a 2015 Federal Tax Return, because I did not work and did not earn income.

**D. Spouse’s Income Information to Be Verified (If married)**

**Attach ALL 2015 W-2s or 2015 Wage & Income Transcript from the IRS website.\***

**1. Check the box that applies:**

- I have filed or will file my 2015 Federal Tax Return and I have/will utilize the IRS Data Retrieval Process when completing or correcting my FAFSA and did not/will not make any changes to that data.
- I have filed my 2015 Federal Tax Return but I did not/will not use the IRS Data Retrieval Process or I changed the information that was transferred, therefore I am attaching a copy of my 2015 Tax Return Transcript.\*
- I worked, but I did not file a 2015 Federal Tax Return, and am not required to file a 2015 Federal Tax Return. I have attached W-2 forms or other earnings statements from each employer.\*
- I did not file, and am not required to file a 2015 Federal Tax Return, because I did not work and did not earn income.

*\*We cannot accept copies of income tax returns; however, a copy of your IRS Tax Return Transcript is allowable. To obtain an IRS tax return transcript, go to [www.IRS.gov](http://www.IRS.gov) and click on “Get a Tax Transcript” link, or call 1-800-908-9946. Make sure to request the “IRS Tax Return Transcript” and not the “IRS Tax Account Transcript.” You can also request a W-2 statement from the IRS.*

**E. Independent Student's Other Information to Be Verified** (attach additional sheets if necessary)

**To determine the correct annual amount for each item:** If you paid or received the same dollar amount every month in 2015, multiply that amount by the number of months in 2015 you paid or received it. If you did not pay or receive the same amount each month in 2015, add together the amounts you paid or received each month.

**1. Payments to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings**

List any payments (direct or withheld from earnings) to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings plans (i.e., 401(k) or 403(b) plans), including, but not limited to, amounts reported on W-2 forms in Boxes 12a through 12d with codes D, E, F, G, H, and S.

**DO NOT LEAVE THIS SECTION BLANK, IF NOT APPLICABLE PLEASE ENTER "0"**

Name of Person Who Made the Payment	Total Amount Paid in 2015

**2. Child support received**

List the actual amount of any child support received in 2015 for the children in your household.

**Do not include foster care payments, adoption payments, or any amount that was court ordered but not actually paid.**

**DO NOT LEAVE THIS SECTION BLANK, IF NOT APPLICABLE PLEASE ENTER "0"**

Name of Adult Who Received the Support	Name of Child For Whom Support Was Received	Amount of Child Support Received in 2015

**3. Housing, food, and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy, and others**

Include cash payments and/or the cash value of benefits received.

**Do not include the value of on-base military housing or the value of a basic military allowance for housing.**

**DO NOT LEAVE THIS SECTION BLANK, IF NOT APPLICABLE PLEASE ENTER "0"**

Name of Recipient	Type of Benefit Received	Amount of Benefit Received in 2015

**4. Veterans non-education benefits**

List the total amount of veterans non-education benefits received in 2015. Include Disability, Death Pension, Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC), and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances. **Do not include federal veteran's educational benefits such as: Montgomery GI Bill, Dependents Education Assistance Program, VEAP Benefits, Post-9/11 GI Bill.**

**DO NOT LEAVE THIS SECTION BLANK, IF NOT APPLICABLE PLEASE ENTER "0"**

Name of Recipient	Type of Veterans Non-education Benefit	Amount of Benefit Received in 2015

**5. Other Untaxed Income**

List the amount of other untaxed income not reported and not excluded elsewhere on this form. Include untaxed income such as workers' compensation, disability, Black Lung Benefits, untaxed portions of health savings accounts from IRS Form 1040 Line 25, Railroad Retirement Benefits, etc.

**Do not include any items reported or excluded in 1-4 above. In addition, do not include student aid, Earned Income Credit, Additional Child Tax Credit, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), untaxed Social Security benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Workforce Investment Act (WIA) educational benefits, combat pay, benefits from flexible spending arrangements (i.e., cafeteria plans), foreign income exclusion, or credit for federal tax on special fuels.**

**DO NOT LEAVE THIS SECTION BLANK, IF NOT APPLICABLE PLEASE ENTER "0"**

Name of Recipient	Type of Other Untaxed Income	Amount of Other Untaxed Income Received in 2015

**6. Money received or paid on the student's behalf**

List any money received or paid on the student's behalf (i.e., payment of student's bills) and not reported elsewhere on this form. Enter the total amount of cash support the student received in 2015. Include support from a parent whose information was not reported on the student's 2016–2017 FAFSA, **but do not include support from a parent whose information was reported.** For example, if someone is paying rent, utility bills, etc., for the student or gives cash, gift cards, etc., include the amount of that person's contributions **unless the person is the student's parent whose information is reported on the student's 2016–2017 FAFSA.** Amounts paid on the student's behalf also include any distributions to the student from a 529 plan owned by someone other than the student or the student's parents, such as grandparents, aunts, and uncles of the student.

**DO NOT LEAVE THIS SECTION BLANK, IF NOT APPLICABLE PLEASE ENTER "0"**

Purpose: i.e., Cash, Rent, Books	Amount Received in 2015	Source

**7. Additional information**

So that we can fully understand the student's family's financial situation, please provide below information about any other resources, benefits, and other amounts received by the student and any members of the student's household. This may include items that were not required to be reported on the FAFSA or other forms submitted to the financial aid office, and include such things as federal veteran's education benefits, military housing, SNAP, TANF, etc.

**DO NOT LEAVE THIS SECTION BLANK, IF NOT APPLICABLE PLEASE ENTER "0"**

Name of Recipient	Type of Financial Support	Amount of Financial Support Received in 2015

*If you need more space, attach a separate page that includes the student's name and MiraCosta ID Number at the top.*

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**F. Complete this section if you and/or your spouse paid child support in 2015.**

Either my spouse and/or I, who is listed in Section B of this worksheet, paid child support in 2015. List the name(s) of the person who paid the child support, the name(s) of the person(s) to whom the child support was paid to, the name(s) and age(s) of the child(ren) for whom child support was paid, and the total amount paid in 2015.

**Do not report child support for children included in your household size in Section B.**

**DO NOT LEAVE THIS SECTION BLANK, IF NOT APPLICABLE PLEASE ENTER "0"**

Name of Person Who Paid Child Support	Name of Person to Whom Child Support was Paid	Name of Child for Whom Support Was Paid	Age of Child for Whom Support Was Paid	Amount of Child Support Paid in 2015
<i>Marty Jones</i>	<i>Chris Smith (example)</i>	<i>Terry Jones</i>	<i>10 years old</i>	<i>\$6,000.00</i>

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**G. Certification and Signature**

I certify that all of the information reported on this worksheet is complete and correct. The student must sign this worksheet. If married, the spouse's signature is optional.

**WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.**

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Student's Signature

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Date

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Spouse's Signature (optional)

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Date

***Do not mail this worksheet to the U.S. Department of Education.  
Submit this worksheet to the financial aid administrator at your school.  
You should make a copy of this worksheet for your records.***